



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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OFFICER SHOOTS CANINE

On March 5, 2005, at approximately 7:14 pm, officers assigned to the Division's Special Investigations Unit executed a search warrant for a home located in the 1700 block of Newton Road. When officers entered the residence, a canine made aggressive advances to the entry team. The canine attacked an officer, a five-year veteran of the Division, and he discharged his weapon three times striking the animal at least once. The officer received treatment at a local hospital for bites to his leg. No one occupying the residence was injured as a result of the gunfire.

At the conclusion of the search, investigators seized cocaine, marijuana, and firearms. Police charged **Vincent Marcel Corrdiro**, an 18 year old residing in the 1700 block of Newton road with possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute. **Tracey Donte Hill**, an 18 year old residing in the 1700 block of Newton Road was charged with possession of marijuana. Officers arrested and served **Markus Antonio Wilkins**, a 19 year old residing in the first block of Cherry Acres Drive, with an outstanding arrest warrant for possession of cocaine. The investigation is ongoing with additional charges pending.

The canine responsible for injuring the officer fled the home and has yet to be located. The canine is described as a white and tan adult male Pit Bull Terrier. The status of the animal's vaccinations is undetermined and anyone with information that will assist police with locating the canine is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at 727-6111 or 728-2070.

Corporal Jimmie Wideman will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6638.

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